



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Ferraioli

Art Unit: 3765

Serial No.: 10/092,816

Docket No.: FERR-0001

Filing Date: 03/07/2002

Examiner: Smith, James G.

Title: FOOTWEAR DONNING DEVICE

Mail Stop Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2003.

Applicant has herein amended claims 1, 2, and 20 and added new claims 31-34. The appropriate fee covering the cost of the additional claims accompanies this response.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy provided to Applicant's representative during a telephone interview conducted on May 15, 2003. During the interview, the Examiner's rejections of claims 1, 2, 4, 17, and 20 were discussed. In particular, the Examiner clarified the interpretation of the cited art as allegedly disclosing a flexible fore handle, a carrier plate having a rounded end, and a particular size of the carrier plate. Further, the term "10 degree oval" was briefly discussed. The Examiner and Applicant's representative came to an agreement regarding the features of the carrier plate. Reconsideration in view of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER
Under Small Entity Status

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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	34	MINUS	30	4	\$9	\$36
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	3	1	\$42	\$42

Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of _____
to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

_____ one month (\$55) _____ three months (\$465)
_____ two months (\$205) _____ four months (\$725)

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT \$78.00

_____ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

_____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☒ A check in the amount of \$78.00 is attached.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 500999.

_____ No additional fee is required.

5/28/2003
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